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Celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of the Initiation of Geo. Washington.

Yesterday was duly celebrated in this city (as it was throughout the country) by the Masonic fraternity as the anniversary of the initiation of Geo. Washington into the Order. In the afternoon quite a large number of Masons assembled at the Universalist church, Calvert street, where interesting exercises took place, opening with prayer by the Rev. R. Piggott, the chaplain. The choir then sang the following ode:

ODE BY THE CHOIR.—“*Auld Lang Syne.*”
When worldly cares no longer press,
Ambition's fires decayed,
How dear the quiet they possess,
Where friendship brings its aid!

Chorus—When kindness forms fraternal ties,
Where Brothers fondly meet,
The heart no dearer bliss can prize
Than marks our calm retreat.

Bring hearts sincere and thoughts most pure
Where friendship holds command,
For Love's bright flame shall still endure
While truth shall guide our band.

Chorus—When kindness forms, &c.

The Rev. Jno. N. McJilton, Chaplain of the Order, then delivered an eloquent and very entertaining Oration, which was listened to with marked attention. It contained much historical information, and evidenced study and research.

The choir sang the following closing ode:

ODE BY THE CHOIR.
Great Architect of earth and heaven,
By time nor space confined,
Enlarge our love to comprehend
Our Brethren, all mankind.
Where'er we are, whate'er we do,
Thy presence let us own,
Thine Eye, all seeing marks our deeds,
To Thee all thoughts are known.
While nature's works and science's laws
We labor to reveal,
O! be our duty done to Thee
With fervency and zeal.
With Faith our guide, and humble Hope,
Warm Charity and Love,
May all at last be raised to share
Thy perfect Light above.

The exercises were closed with a benediction by the Rev. G. T. Flanders.

Last evening about one hundred and sixty members of the order sat down to a dinner, served up in excellent style, in the Grand Lodge Room, Masonic Hall, by Mr. J. Curlett. Dr. John D. Readell, Deputy Grand Master, presided, assisted by Charles Goodwin and Charles Webb, Esqrs. After disposing of the substantial set before them, wines, fruits and confections were introduced, and a most agreeable time ensued. The following regular toasts were announced by the president, and drunk with all due honors, the admirable music of the Blues' Band, Prof. Holland, intervening, and enlivening the entertainment:

REGULAR TOASTS.

1. *George Washington*—The man and the friend of mankind; the patriot, the statesman and the hero, in him were fit companions of the mason;—and while as Americans we venerate his memory as that of a Father, we do not forget him as a Brother.

2. *The Masonic Fraternity*—An ancient Ark that floats safely down the tide of time, and rests on the eternal rock of Truth.

3. *The Grand Lodge of the State of Maryland*—The kind and faithful guardian of a thriving family.

4. *Our Country*—May her sons never forget the teachings and example of her “Father.”

5. *The Day we Celebrate, and the Brethren of our Sister States*—In the name of Washington we hail them as fellow-countrymen and brothers.

6. *Concordia Lodge*—An old fruitful tree from which many flourishing scions have sprung. Many will say—

“Woodman, spare that tree,
Touch not a single bough—
In youth it sheltered me.
And I'll protect it now!”

7. *The Memory of our Departed Brother, General Warren*, who, on the field of battle, gave his life for his country.

8. *The Craft*—Philanthropy its foundation, wisdom erects the pillars, strength supports the arch, beauty adorns the building—and may charity ever find a habitation there.

9. *Lafayette*—Nature seemed proud of the man, liberty of her champion, and Masonry boasts of her son

10. *George Washington*—As “he was first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen.” so shall his memory be the last to fade from the hearts of his brethren.

On the 6th toast being drunk, the applause was very great, and Major Joseph K. Stapleton responded to the sentiment, stating in the course of his remarks, that he was initiated in Concordia Lodge fifty-two years ago.

Dr. Readell being called for, made a pertinent speech, concluding with the following sentiment:

Good Fellowship and Good Cheer—May Masonry always exhibit the one and never lack the other.

Major Stapleton being called on for a sentiment, gave the following:

Masonry—Universal in its operation—beneficial to all who know it and practice the virtues it inculcates.

Col. Kimmell, of Linganore, was called out and made a speech, during which he exhibited a surveyor's compass and level which had once belonged to Geo. Washington—had been presented by him to Capt. Samuel Duvall, of Prince George's county, at whose death, in 1810, they passed to Messrs. Hobbs and Reiner successively, and from the latter to the speaker, who retained them as invaluable relics of the Father of his Country. Col. Kimmell's remarks were very interesting, and he concluded with the sentiment:

Washington and Lafayette—The two St. Johns of Liberty and Masonry.

feeling prevailed—wit, song and sentiment having

When we left at 10 o'clock, the height of good full sway.

The celebration was in the highest degree creditable to the order, and was conducted in the very best manner, Messrs. Washington Yellott, Samson Cariss and J. Strat, the committee of ceremonies, deserving much praise for the manner in which every thing was arranged and carried out.